

PASTORAL PLAN

School: **Bishop Scalabrini Separate School**

School Mission Statement:

To strive to educate each child in its care to his/her potential.
To recognize and value the diversity of our community in all our activities and procedures.
To collaborate with home and parish in the development of the whole child.
To root all our services, programs, and decisions in the Catholic faith.
To provide relevant, life related learning experiences.
To educate environmentally, responsible citizens who will live harmoniously in a global community.

School Motto: Rooted in Faith, Educating Each Child, For Global Harmony.

Our Parish: Cristo Rei

Pastor: *Rev. Carlos Macatangga, SVD*

Parish website: www.cristo-rei.com

Message from the Pastor:

St. Giovanni Scalabrini CES is under the pastoral care of Cristo Rei Parish. Families are encouraged to register with the parish and consult the parish website for virtual mass times and services.

Message from the Catholic School Council:

St. Giovanni Scalabrini CES invites parent/guardian involvement, respecting the time and availability of all families in our school community. Please call the school office if you would like to volunteer, in any way, toward supporting the success of our students.

Catholic Education Week – April 30 – May 5, 2023

Catholic Education: We are Many, We are One L'éducation catholique: À plusieurs, nous sommes un

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.

"We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another." (Romans 12:5)

*«Nous qui sommes plusieurs, nous sommes un seul corps dans le Christ, et membres les uns des autres.»
(Romains 12, 5)*

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2023 are:

- Monday: **When we see / En voyant**
- Tuesday: **When we listen / En écoutant**
- Wednesday: **When we reflect / En réfléchissant**
- Thursday: **When we learn / En apprenant**
- Friday: **When we act / En agissant**

Each morning, daily announcements and prayers will include and highlight sub-themes. Classrooms will focus on themes during the instruction of religion. A community and school engagement event will be planned to celebrate Catholic education and the renaming of the School to St. Giovanni Scalabrini Catholic Elementary School.

Faith Formation:

Forming ourselves in our Catholic faith is a foundational element in helping each of us understand and live in the example of Christ.

Adult Faith Ambassadors support faith formation of staff through liturgies, observation of faith calendar events, such as Advent and Lent, and participation in board and family of schools faith-based activities, such as the Advent Retreat. Staff and students engage in daily prayers over the PA, and virtue activities. The school will recognize students receiving sacraments through the purchase and distribution of keepsakes for each student.

Sacramental Preparation:

As Catholics, we understand sacraments to be "outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace." Together in partnership with our parish, we support the preparation of God's children in receiving the sacraments.

Event	Grade 2	Grade 7
First Reconciliation	December 1 (Tentative)	
First Communion	April 22 & 29 (Tentative)	
Confirmation		April 23 & 30 (Tentative)

Liturgical Celebrations:

The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer.

Celebration	Date
Opening & Thanksgiving Mass	September 27, 2022
Advent Mass	December 1, 2022
Ash Wednesday Mass	February 22, 2023
Easter Mass	April 21, 2023
Year End Mass	TBA

Social Justice / Outreach Activities / Charities:

Catholic Social Teachings of the Church root our actions in supporting human dignity and the preferential option of the poor which calls us to serve the most vulnerable in the world.

Share Life Food Drives Gift cards and clothing for the needy Community Outreach for Families in Need

Recognizing Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:

Framed by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), our graduates will be effective communicators, reflective thinkers, lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members, responsible citizens and discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community.

Through religion, family life, and integrated across the curriculum, Catholic Graduate Expectations will continue to be a focus for all students, connecting faith, academic achievement, mindfulness, mental health, digital citizenship, and social justice.

Celebrating Virtues:

A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. When we practice these virtues, we strengthen them and thereby make the presence of God more and more visible in the world around us.

Class based and schoolwide observations of the monthly virtue

Visual displays in the school

Class based participation in morning prayers and sharing of the word with a connect to monthly virtues

Monthly virtue recognized in newsletters

Visible Signs of our Faith:

Through symbol and service, we are instruments of God's love whose work within our communities stands as a witness to our faith.

The St. Giovanni CES community of students, parents, teachers, support staff and administrators, answer to our foundation call of our Baptism. Through our actions and our words, we will answer to the call of acting justly, to love tenderly, to walk humbly, to serve generously and to live peacefully.

In developing a renewed appreciation of hope in the Church, we accept our spiritual gifts. We promote unity within our school community by gathering in a variety of contexts by sharing

common prayers. Prayer is experienced every morning as a whole school community, as a class and as an individual. Readings are shared with the whole school. Classroom prayer is also part of the dismissal times for lunch and end of day.

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- Religious Education Curriculum - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- Family Life Curriculum - [Ontario Family Life Curriculum](#)
- Fully Alive Program information - [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](#)
- Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2021 – [Catholic Education Week 2022](#)
- Synod on Synodality – [Synod 2021 - 2023](#)

Resource List for Schools:

Board

- Multi-Year Strategic Plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- Renewing The Promise - [Renewing The Promise](#)
- Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
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School-Based

<https://www.dpcdsb.org/BSCAL>

Signature Page

Pastor

Fr. Carlos Macatangga

Faith Ambassador(s) (as applicable)

Kevin Gregg

Principal

Armando Saragosa

Superintendent

Cairine MacDonald